

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A disk drive apparatus comprising:
 - a disk drive body including a front face having an insertion opening of a disk and side faces substantially parallel to a recording surface of the inserted disk; and
 - a decorative panel covering approximately the entire surface of the side faces and being disposed so as to be detachable from the side faces.
2. The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 1, wherein said decorative panel comprises:
 - a flat panel portion shaped as a rectangle by having a periphery thereof longer-sides and shorter-sides;
 - shorter-side members disposed along the shorter-sides of the flat panel portion;
 - longer-side members disposed along the longer-sides of the flat panel portion; and
 - one of a first engaging piece and a first engaging groove provided at said shorter-side members for engagement with the disk drive body.
3. The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein said decorative panel further comprises:
 - a plurality of said one of first engaging pieces and first engaging grooves; and
 - second engaging pieces for engagement with the above-mentioned disk drive body, the number of which is less than the number of said one of the first engaging pieces and the first engaging grooves, and being disposed at the longer-side members.
4. The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein said decorative panel further comprises:
 - a plurality of said one of first engaging pieces and first engaging

grooves;

second engaging grooves for engagement with the disk drive body, the number of which is less than the number of said one of first engaging pieces and the first engaging grooves, and being disposed at the 5 longer-side members.

5. The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein
said decorative panel is disposed at the longer-side members and
has a second engaging piece for engagement with the disk drive body; and
10 the second engaging piece is formed so as to be smaller than the
first engaging piece.

6. The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein
said decorative panel is disposed at the longer-side member and
15 has a second engaging groove for engagement with the disk drive body;
and
the second engaging groove is formed so as to be smaller than the
first engaging groove.

20 7. The disk drive apparatus as cited in claim 2, wherein
said disk drive body is disposed in the vicinity of said one of first
engaging piece and first engaging groove in a state in which the decorative
panel is installed on the disk drive body, and has a recess portion disposed
so as to oppose to the shorter-side member.

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